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ELECTION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 17, PARAGRAPHS 4 AND 5, OF THE CONVENTION, OF ELEVEN MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN, TO REPLACE THOSE WHOSE TERMS ARE DUE TO EXPIRE ON 16 APRIL 1988

Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. In addition to the nominations received as at 18 January 1988 listed in paragraph 2 of document CEDAW/SP/12 and Add.1, the Secretary-General has received the following nominations for the election of the 11 members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women in accordance with article 17, paragraph 3, of the Convention:

Ms. Desiree P. Bernard (Guyana),

Ms. Hadja F. Touré (Guinea).

2. Biographical data concerning the above candidates, as furnished by their Governments, are annexed hereto.

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DESIREE PATRICIA BERNARD

CURRICULUM VITAE

2 March 1939	-	Date of birth.
1950-1957	-	Attended Bishop's high school, Georgetown, Guyana.
1963	-	LL.B, (Hons.) (Lond.), University of London.
1964	-	Solicitors final examination of Law Society of England.
1965	-	Admitted to practice in High Court of the Supreme Court of Guyana.
1965	-	Joined law firm of Cameron and Shepherd solicitors, Guyana.
1967	-	Established own law practice.
1967-1972	-	Elected president, Georgetown Toastmistress Club.
1968	-	Elected secretary, Law Society of Guyana.
1970	-	Member of Organisation of Commonwealth Caribbean Bar Associations.
	-	Acted as magistrate for five months, Juvenile Court and Maintenance Court.
1970-1974	-	Elected first secretary Caribbean Women's Association (CARIWA); at present resource person of CARIWA.
1971	-	Founder member of Guyana Consumers' Association, assisted in formation which arose out of CARIWA.
1971-1981	-	Member of the Caribbean Council of Legal Education.
	-	Also member of the Executive Committee of the Council which administers legal education in the Caribbean.
1972	-	Elected member of the Conference on the Affairs and Status of Women in Guyana (founder member) (assisted in drafting the Constitution).

1972	-	Elected president, Law Society of Guyana.
	-	Nominated member of the Council of the University of Guyana; still serving as a member.
	-	Nominated member of the Adoption of Children Board and later Deputy Chairman of the Board.
1972-1979	-	Member of Disciplinary Committee for Legal Practitioners Committee which considers complaints from members of the public against legal practitioners and makes recommendations on disciplinary action.
1975	-	Attended Conference of Women Lawyers of the Caribbean and Latin America in Airlie, Virginia, United States.
	-	Attended International Women's Year Conference in Mexico.
	-	Member of Board of Directors of Guyana Legal Aid Centre; also member of Caribbean Legal Aid Committee.
	-	Gave voluntary service to Guyana Legal Aid Centre.
1978	-	Member of Caribbean Task Force on Abortion.
	-	Has written and delivered several papers and given radio talks on legal status of women and children in Guyana and the Caribbean.
1975-1980	-	Nominated alternate member of Labour Code Commission.
1976	-	Appointed Commissioner of Oaths and Notary Public.
1976-1978	-	President of Organisation of Commonwealth Bar Association.
	-	Elected first and only woman President.
1976	-	Made honorary member of Canadian Bar Association (still member).
	-	Country Vice-President, member of International Federation of Women Lawyers.
	-	Member of Income Tax Board of Review.
1977	-	Admitted to Roll of Solicitors in England.
1979	-	Chairman of Legislation Committee of Guyana Commission for International Year of the Child.

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1980	-	Attended Mid-Decade Conference of Women in Copenhagen, Denmark, as a resource person for the Non-Governmental Forum.
1980	-	Appointed first woman Judge of the High Court of the Supreme Court of Guyana.
1981	-	Appointed Chairman of Committee to give effect to articles in the Guyana Constitution abolishing discrimination against women and distinction between children born in and out of wedlock - Status of Children (Removal of Discrimination) Act, 1983; passed as a result of Committee's Report.
1982	-	Appointed member of Judicial Service Commission (first and only woman) (still serving).
1982	-	Appointed member of United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and elected Rapporteur of Committee.
1984	-	Re-elected to Committee, securing 49 out of 53 votes from United Nations States Parties. Only Caribbean representative on the Committee.
1985	-	Elected Chairman of United Nations Committee (CEDAW).
1987	-	Re-elected Chairman of United Nations Committee (CEDAW) and still serving.
February 1985	-	Awarded Cacique's Crown of Honour, third highest national award of Guyana for outstanding contribution in improvement of status of women.
July 1985	-	Attended End-of-Decade Conference at Nairobi, Kenya, to present report of CEDAW as its contribution to World Conference.
1987	-	Elected President of Guyana Association of Women Lawyers.
1987	-	Elected President of All-Guyana Netball Association.
	-	Attended conferences concerned with women's rights and legal status of women.

CURRICULUM VITAE

GIVEN NAMES AND FAMILY NAME:	HADJA FATOU TOURE
DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH:	11 March 1931 at Forécariah (Republic of Guinea)
FILIATION:	Daughter of ELHADJ ABOUBACAR TOURE and the late ADAMA CISSE
PROFESSION:	State midwife
TITLE:	National Director for the Status of Women
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1. EDUCATION AND DIPLOMAS OBTAINED

(a) Primary Education: Primary Education Certificate, 1943

(b) Secondary Education: Secondary Education Certificate, 1947

(c) Professional Education: Teachers College

1950: Certificate of Pedagogical Studies - School of Medicine and Pharmacy

1953: Midwifery Diploma

2. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1954-1969 State midwife in the Republic of Guinea for 15 years, at Télimélé, Boké and Conakry

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3. POLITICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

1961-1963	Boké (Republic of Guinea) Member of the Steering Committee and Chairperson of the Boké Women's Committee
1965	Conakry, Member of the Federal Bureau Member of the Regional Women's Committee of Conakry II
1967	Conakry - Member of the National Women's Council of Guinea Chairperson of the Regional Women's Committee of Conakry II
1968	Conakry - Member of the National Women's Committee of Guinea, Secretary for Social Affairs
1984	Provincial Director for the Status of Women, Conakry
1985 to the present	National Director for the Status of Women of Guinea

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